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Central Valley Region
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Subject: Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) (NPDES No. CA0081833) for General Electric Company and Wellmade Products Company Groundwater Cleanup System Merced County

Dear Ms. Ortiz:

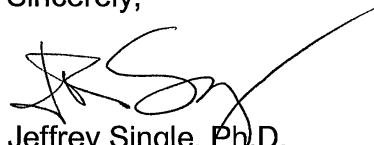
The California Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the above document. General Electric Company (Facility) operates a groundwater cleanup system on property owned by Wellmade Products Company.

The Facility consists of two off-site granular activated carbon treatment systems and one on-site air-stripper treatment system used to treat groundwater contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). The Facility discharges treated groundwater to Merced Irrigation District's Hartley Lateral Canal (Hartley Canal), a tributary to Miles Creek, a tributary of the San Joaquin River from Sack Dam to the mouth of the Merced River.

The Department recommends that the following be added to the WDR: Effluent laboratory results are in hand and verified before the water is discharged into the Hartley Canal. All too often, laboratory results come well after the water was discharged and if an event occurred, the wastewater is long gone.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Rachel McNeal, Environmental Scientist, at the address on this letterhead or by phone at (559) 243-4014, extension 256.

Sincerely,



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